

Other Land Use Actions

NOTICE OF LAND USE CODE TEXT AMENDMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

NOTICE OF SEPA DETERMINATION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE PIONEER SQUARE MIXED ZONE RELATING TO HEIGHT FOR PROJECTS INTEGRATING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND HOUSING

The Department of Planning & Development is proposing amendments to the Land Use Code, Seattle Municipal Code, Title 23, that would allow additional height for projects integrating public transportation facilities and housing. The amendments would also define a new use (streetcar maintenance base), establish that use as allowed in Pioneer Square, and clarify the authority of the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods with respect to conditional uses. The purpose of the amendment is to encourage development of housing that will help achieve Comprehensive Plan housing targets for the Pioneer Square neighborhood. In addition, the recent opportunity provided by relocation of the waterfront trolley barn from the Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park requires establishment of another site for a streetcar maintenance base, and this amendment will allow the integration of housing, the maintenance base and appropriate street-level retail.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DPD has determined that the proposed amendment will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (no Environmental Impact Statement required).

HOW TO APPEAL

Appeals of the decision to issue a Determination of Non-Significance must be submitted to the Office of the Hearing Examiner by 5:00 p.m., November 25, 2005. Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by a \$50.00 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

**Office of the Hearing Examiner
700 5th Avenue, Suite #4000
Seattle Municipal Tower
Seattle, WA 98104**

Public Hearing:

A public hearing on the proposed legislation is scheduled before the Seattle City Council Urban Development and Planning Committee on December 5, 2005, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue. For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet will be provided outside the Council Chamber one half hour before the public hearing. Questions concerning the public hearing may be directed to Neil Powers, Councilmember Steinbrueck's office, by calling 684-8804, or via email at neil.powers@seattle.gov

The City Council Chamber is accessible. Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Please contact Councilmember Steinbrueck's office at 684-8804 as soon as possible to request accommodations for a disability.

Written Comments:

For those unable to attend the public hearing, written comments may be sent by December 4, at 5 p.m., 2005 to:

Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck, Chair
Urban Development and Planning Committee
600 4th Avenue, Fl 2
P.O. Box 34025
Seattle, Washington 98124-4025

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the environmental determination, the Director's Report and Recommendation, and proposed Council Bill may be obtained at the DPD Public Resource Center, 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000 in the Seattle Municipal Tower. The Public Information Center is open 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Questions concerning the SEPA Determination may be directed to John Shaw, DPD, at 206-684-5837 or via email at john.shaw@seattle.gov

Questions concerning the Ordinance may be directed to Kristian Kofoed, DPD at 206-233-7191, or via email at kristian.kofoed@seattle.gov